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**BRONX MAN SENTENCED TO 20 YEARS IN PRISON FOR
FATALLY BEATING, STABBING HIS GIRLFRIEND
Defendant Pleaded Guilty to First-Degree Manslaughter**

Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark today announced that a Bronx man was sentenced to 20 years in prison for fatally beating and then stabbing his girlfriend multiple times in the face, after an argument in their apartment.

District Attorney Clark said, “An argument between a couple escalated to brutality and a woman is dead. The defendant has been held accountable but the victim’s loved ones will continue to suffer. We must do all we can to prevent domestic violence, which traumatizes so many people beyond just the victim.”

District Attorney Clark said the defendant, Kelvin Diaz, 33, was sentenced March 3, 2023 to 20 years in prison and five years post release supervision before Bronx Supreme Court Justice Marsha Michael. The defendant pleaded guilty to first-degree Manslaughter on February 16, 2023.

According to the investigation, on January 29, 2021 inside 1965 Lafayette Avenue, the defendant attacked Onelfy Then-Cordero with a broomstick, causing blunt force trauma to her head, which caused her death. He then stabbed multiple times in the face with a steak knife.

A neighbor called police to report a woman screaming for help. When police arrived and entered the apartment, they found Then-Cordero mortally wounded. Diaz was arrested on scene and told officers he stabbed the victim.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant District Attorney William Browne, Supervisor in the Domestic Violence Bureau, under the supervision of Agata DiGiovanni, Chief of the Domestic Violence Bureau, and under the overall supervision of Adrienne Giunta, Deputy Chief of Special Victims Division and Joe Muroff, Chief of Special Victims Division.



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District Attorney Clark thanked Trial Preparation Assistant Emely Rosario of the Domestic Violence Bureau for her assistance.

District Attorney Clark also thanked NYPD Detectives Jorge Mergeche and Brianna Constantino of the Bronx Homicide Squad for their work in the investigation.